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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN ECOLOGICAL RESERVES: POSSIBLE VISIT TO
BRAZIL BY APPROPRIATE US REPRESENTATIVES

REF: BRASILIA 7062

1. PROPOSALS FOR JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH BRAZIL
UNDER AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OUTLINED REFTTEL
ARE ACCEPTABLE TO INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSES OF DIS-
CUSSION AT MEETING OF SUB-GROUP IN SEPTEMBER. AT THAT TIME
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILL SEEK TO ARTICULATE THEM FURTHER
FOR PURPOSES PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR PROPOSED VISIT OF
GROUP OF EXPERTS IN LATE NOVEMBER-EARLY DECEMBER. IN ADDI-
TION WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING FOR BRAZILIAN SIDE CONSIDERATION:

A. CONSERVATION: SUGGEST INCLUDING CONSERVATION AS WELL
AS UTILIZATION OF WILDLIFE UNDER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND
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ADD CROCODILIANS TO SPECIES FOR RESEARCH.

B. MANATEES: INTERIOR NOW HAS A RESEARCH PROJECT IN FLORIDA AND IS INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR JOINT RESEARCH AMONG CARIBBEAN AND AMAZONIAN COUNTRIES (VENEZUELA HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH A PROJECT, THIS DOES NOT FOCUS ON CAPTIVE POPULATIONS AND IN GENERAL WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO RESTRICT JOINT WILDLIFE RESEARCHES TO CAPTIVE POPULATIONS. WE ARE DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN JOINT MANATEE RESEARCH WITH BRAZIL, IF POSSIBLE IN ABOVE MULTI-LATERAL CONTEXT.

C. PROJETO FLORA: WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING PARTICIPATION IN PROJETO FLORA WITH EMPHASIS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES.

D. MIGRATORY BIRDS: WE ARE INTERESTED IN A COORDINATED PROJECT TO COLLECT DATA ON BIRDS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE BY MEANS OF AN INTEGRATED BANDING AND INDEXING SYSTEM AND BY OTHER FIELD ACTIVITIES.

E. RIVER BASIN AND LAND-USE PLANNING: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SORT OF FOCUS THE BRAZILIAN SIDE AS IN MIND FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION.

2. FYI: REF AND ABOVE POINTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN POSITION PAPER FOR SUB-GROUP MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. END FYI

3. MR. MCGRATH IS NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL TO BRASILIA IN AUGUST. IF ESSENTIAL HE COULD ACCOMPANY SUB-GROUP IN SEPTEMBER BUT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON PROGRESS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH BRAZILIAN SIDE UP TO THAT TIME. KISSINGER

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